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SUBJECT: TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: MEXICO 12451

1. WE ARE UNABLE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEXICO THE
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11 AS US TEXTILE OFFICIALS HAVE TO
ATTEND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION
AND THE AMERICAN YARNSPINNERS ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL BE
HELD THAT WEEK.

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2. WE ARE INCREASINGLY DUBIOUS ABOUT SETTING ANY DATE FOR
RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. AS EMBASSY WILL RECALL,
USDEL MADE A NUMBER OF ADJUSTMENTS TO MEXICAN DEMANDS
DURING EARLIER ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS, BUT GOM DID NOT
RECIPROCATATE THIS APPROACH; RATHER THAN NEGOTIATING,
GARRIDO PERSISTENTLY STONEWALLED. MOREOVER, GARRIDO TOLD

SMITH IN GENEVA IN EARLY JULY THAT MEXICO "WOULD NOT MOVE ANOTHER YARD". USG STILL HAS SOME ROOM TO NEGOTIATE, BUT LAST MEXICAN POSITION WAS WELL BEYOND WHAT WE CAN ACCEPT. UNTIL GOM IS IN POSITION TO NEGOTIATE MORE POSITIVELY, WE SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED FROM RETURNING TO THE NEGOTIATING

TABLE; WE CAN CONTINUE TO RELY ON ARTICLE 3 FOR PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORT SURGES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SHOULD APPROACH HERNANDEZ OR OTHER APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIAL HIGHER THAN GARRIDO, AND INFORM HIM OF THE ABOVE. IF THE GOM IS READY TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON A MORE POSITIVE BASIS, YOU SHOULD EXPLORE WITH THEM THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 OR OCTOBER 9, IN EITHER WASHINGTON, D.C. OR MEXICO. OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL IS ALREADY TIGHT AND THESE MAY BE THE ONLY PERIODS DURING WHICH WE COULD GET TOGETHER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

4. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU WILL BE SEEING HERNANDEZ SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE A PARALLEL APPROACH TO GUTIERREZ. CHRISTOPHER

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